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AUSTRALIA
TABLE A.I.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF WAGE OR SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT
(Including Part-time Relief Workers in actual employment or number equivalent thereto).
(See "Supplementary Notes", Issue No. 9)

Period	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland (a)	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Six States (b)
<u>Average for year -</u>							
1936-37 ..	787,492	577,272	234,500	175,205	154,109	52,941	1,981,519
1937-38 ..	838,583	601,436	245,800	184,839	157,643	57,092	2,085,393
1938-39 ..	846,489	612,085	257,700	186,853	160,297	62,484	2,125,908
1939-40 ..	858,013	630,643	264,500	188,467	157,074	65,507	2,164,204
<u>1939-40: Month -</u>							
July ..	842,937	598,862	262,800	186,156	158,063	60,910	2,105,728
August ..	841,242	598,932	268,300	187,002	156,811	61,540	2,113,827
September ..	847,235	602,468	269,400	185,891	155,507	61,728	2,122,229
October ..	858,319	621,785	271,300	185,948	157,066	62,695	2,157,113
November ..	863,986	633,913	271,700	186,373	158,598	63,935	2,178,505
December ..	882,291	641,682	270,000	194,191	161,496	66,338	2,215,998
January ..	858,475	638,697	268,100	187,614	158,546	68,548	2,179,980
February ..	866,057	642,571	263,400	188,426	157,168	67,950	2,185,572
March ..	872,824	644,930	258,200	189,596	157,756	70,102	2,193,408
April ..	857,971	651,436	254,700	191,095	155,536	68,432	2,179,170
May ..	842,975	646,061	254,900	190,454	154,677	68,457	2,157,524
June ..	861,836	646,122	260,400	189,424	153,808	65,450	2,177,040
<u>1940-41: Month -</u>							
July ..	869,705	637,046	264,600	187,101	153,328	64,199	2,175,979
August ..	876,272	633,892	268,100	188,953	153,123	64,259	2,184,599
September ..	880,358	640,509	270,300	192,298	152,982	65,822	2,202,269
October (c) ..	886,771	647,842	271,500	194,593	152,175	65,879	2,218,760
November (c) ..	890,183	652,828	271,900	199,283	153,362	65,817	2,233,373
December ..							

(a) Monthly figures are the average for the three months ended in the month indicated.

(b) Estimates for Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia are preliminary.

(c) Subject to revision.

AUSTRALIA.

The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables A.II, A.III, A.IV, A.V, A.VIII, A.IX, A.X. These figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 9 of the Monthly Circular on Employment and Unemployment.

TABLE A.II.

November, 1940: 140; 140; 130; 137; 109; 145; 137.3; 119.3.

A comparison of factory employment in November, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with the previous month of October, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +1.4; Victoria, +0.7; Queensland, nil; South Australia, +3.0; Western Australia, +1.9; Tasmania, nil; Australia, +0.9 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, +0.8).

TABLE A.III.

November, 1940: n.a.; 65.4; 80.7; 79.5; 77.1; 75.2; 71.0

n.a. Not Available.

TABLE A.IV.

November, 1940: 134; 148; 117; 117; 113; 139; 133.0; 122.9.

A comparison of employment in retail stores in November, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with November, 1939, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +0.8; Victoria +0.7; Queensland, nil; South Australia +5.4; Western Australia, nil; Tasmania, nil; Australia, +1.1 (or, taking account of the growth of employee population, nil).

TABLE A.V.

November (a), 1940: 85,082; 261,438; 18,688; 51,836; 47,044; 11,391.

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE A.VIII.

Unemployment in Trade Unions not yet available for December Quarter, 1940.

TABLE A.IX.

Unemployment in Trade Unions not yet available for December Quarter, 1940.

TABLE A.X.

November, 1940: 29,469; 6,351; 22,026; 4,413; 642; 2,904; 327; 66,132.

AUSTRALIA
TABLE A.XI.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHEME
SUMMARY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1940.

Stage of Training	Service	Victoria	New South Wales	Canberra	South Australia	Western Australia	Queensland	Tasmania	TOTAL
Completed training since summary dated 30.11.40	ARMED SERVICES	)R.A.A.F.	101	21	58	102	41	-	323
		)2nd A.I.F.	3	71	-	-	-	-	74
		)Perm.Army	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MUNITIONS	)Toolmakers	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
		)Tradesmen	102	28	-	34	14	-	181
	Total:		243	124	58	136	44	14	619
Completed training to date.	ARMED SERVICES	)R.A.A.F.	1,453	1,032	532	771	145	49	4,008
		)2nd A.I.F.	645	493	-	-	-	-	1,138
		)Perm.Army	32	43	-	10	24	10	123
	MUNITIONS	)Toolmakers	145	116	-	15	-	-	276
		)Tradesmen	501	232	-	191	18	35	977
	Total:		2,776	1,916	532	987	187	71	6,522
Now in Training	ARMED SERVICES	)R.A.A.F.	691	684	184	525	94	25	2,255
		)2nd A.I.F.	-	45	-	-	-	-	45
		)Perm.Army	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	MUNITIONS	)Toolmakers	45	79	-	46	-	-	170
		)Tradesmen	754	714	-	202	41	78	1,868
	Total:		1,490	1,522	184	773	135	103	4,338
Completed or now in training.	ARMED SERVICES	)R.A.A.F.	2,144	1,716	716	1,296	239	51	6,263
		)2nd A.I.F.	645	538	-	-	-	-	1,183
		)Perm.Army	32	43	-	10	24	10	123
	MUNITIONS	)Toolmakers	190	195	-	61	-	-	446
		)Tradesmen	1,255	946	-	393	59	113	2,845
	Total:		4,266	3,438	716	1,760	322	174	10,860

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following are the November figures of employment and unemployment for Tables N.I. to N.VII. These latest figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 9 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE N.I.

November, 1940: 193,430; 21,840; 20,955; 223,945; 17,397; 6,278.
November (Ctd.): 83,741; 28,630; 30,452; 19,591; 7,855; 5,777;
 626,436; 259,372; 885,808; 9,124; 4,375; ~~890,173~~.

TABLE N.II.

November, 1940: (a); 728,178; 21,840; 139,430; 885,798; 9,124; 4,375;
 890,173.

(a) Number available for employment: Owing to the incidence of enlistments and the replacement of male labour by females not previously engaged in gainful employment, it is not possible, for the present, to estimate the number available for employment.

TABLE N.III.

November, 1940: 17,397; 6,278; 53,199; 26,028; 30,452; 19,591; 208,668;
 7,855; 10,150; 5,777; 23,291; 408,686; 728,178.

TABLE N.IV. (F.ii).

<u>Class No.</u>		<u>November, 1940.</u>
1	..	2,704
3	..	8,780
4	..	74,439
6	..	15,237
7	..	4,181
8	..	26,481
9	..	30,457
10	..	6,772
12	..	14,359
13	..	3,643
16	..	4,797
2, 5, 11, 14 and 15)	..	16,818
<u>Total:</u>		<u>208,668</u>

TABLE N.V.

November, 1940: 28,795; 100,056; 11,832; 21,840; 162,523; 1,748.

/TABLE N.VI.

NET SOUTH SALES.

(Continued)

TABLE N.VI.

Totals for November, 1940 (P.iv) - REVENUE

Total Governmental	=	89,605
Total Semi-Governmental	=	<u>6,459</u>
<u>TOTAL REVENUE:</u>		<u>96,064</u>

Totals for November, 1940 (P.v.) - LOAN

Total Governmental	=	5,937
Total Semi-Governmental	=	<u>4,717</u>
<u>TOTAL LOAN:</u>		<u>10,654</u>

Commonwealth Defence Works under supervision of:

Works and Local Government Department	=	528
Department of Main Roads ..	=	1,770
Railways ..	=	22

Part Time Workers - Cleaners and Others
normally employed for less than a full
working day ..

= 2,194

Prince Henry Hospital ..

= 656

GRAND TOTAL (State and Semi-Govern-
mental, excluding Relief Workers):

111,888

Totals for November, 1940 (P.vi) - Commonwealth Employees (Revenue and
Loan

Commonwealth Employees - Full time	=	28,545
" " - Part time	=	<u>250</u>
<u>Total Commonwealth Employees:</u>		<u>28,795</u>

GRAND TOTAL (State, Commonwealth and
Semi-Governmental - Excluding Relief
Workers): ..

= 137,137 (a)

Employees of Contractors on Construction
Work (State Government only) ..

= 1,748

Local Government Employees (excluding
Relief Workers and Employees of private
contractors) ..

= 21,840

(a) Excluding 3,546 Commonwealth and State Employees on war
service. See also Footnote (e) of Issue No. 9.

TABLE N.VII.

November, 1940: 16,217; 627; 341; 1,501; 1,845; 556; 8,382;
29,469; 25,094.

December, 1940: 15,531; 639; 319; 1,568; 1,819; 482; 8,383;
28,741; n.a.

n.a. Not Available.

VICTORIA

The following are the November figures of employment and unemployment for Tables V.I, V.II, V.III, and V.IV. These figures can be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 9 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE V.I.

November(a), 1940: 107,019; 208,490; 51,070; 3,992; 30,847;
401,418; 251,410; 652,828.

(a) Subject to revision.

TABLE V.II.

Governmental employment not yet available for October and November.

TABLE V.III.

November, 1940: 2,754; 445; 357; 95; 226; 66; 27; 2,381;
6,351.

TABLE V.IV.

November, 1940: 51; 90; 98; 114; 21; 85; 104; 46; 19;
111; 19; 74; 47; 1,881; 2,754.

QUEENSLAND

These figures may also be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 9 of the Monthly Circular.

TABLE Q.I.

Note: This table has been revised and is reproduced in full on the next page of this Circular.

TABLE Q.II.

November, 1940: 5,850; 1,485; 7,335; 32,411; 5,239; 37,650;
625; 11; 636; 10,836; 437; 11,273; 49,722;
7,172; 56,894; 2,222.

TABLE Q.III.

November, 1940: 7,362; 695; 1,040; 1,282; 11,647; 20,665;
1,361; 22,026.

TABLE Q.IV.

November, 1940: 2,604; 1,002; 356; 88; 69; 215; 359; 270;
27; 13,116; 78; 1,111; 14; 288; 165; 72;
225; 82; 524; 20,665; 1,361; 22,026.

QUEENSLAND

TABLE Q.I.

TOTAL WORKING POPULATION

(See "Supplementary Notes", Table A.I. Issue No.9)

The following table is compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry from Census results, unemployed insurance contributions, workers' compensation records, and shop and factory returns.

Period	Numbers in Work			
	Employers and Workers on own Account	Employees	Working for No Wages	TOTAL
<u>Average -</u>				
1939-40 ..	106,800	264,500	10,600	381,900
<u>Three months ended -</u>				
July, 1939 ..	106,100	265,800	10,500	382,400
August, " ..	106,200	263,500	10,600	380,300
September " ..	106,400	261,000	10,600	378,000
October " ..	106,500	260,900	10,600	378,000
November " ..	106,600	262,300	10,600	379,500
December " ..	106,600	261,300	10,600	378,500
January, 1940 ..	106,700	264,200	10,600	381,500
February " ..	106,900	267,500	10,600	385,000
March " ..	107,000	268,300	10,600	385,900
April " ..	107,100	267,800	10,600	385,500
May " ..	107,100	265,600	10,600	383,500
June " ..	107,000	267,500	10,700	385,200
July " ..	106,800	265,100	10,700	382,600
August " ..	106,700	262,800	10,700	380,200
September " ..	106,700	262,200	10,700	379,600
October " ..	106,600	263,000	10,700	380,500
November " ..	106,900	263,700	10,800	381,400
December " ..	-	-	-	-

Revised Figures:- The above figures have been revised, for the period since September, 1939, to take account of enlistments. Enlisted men have been excluded from the estimates of employment, and adjustments have been made to allow for the effect on employment of home-defence training.

Note: The figures shown for the three-monthly periods have been corrected for seasonal variation.

QUEENSLAND
TABLE Q.V.

PERSONS REGISTERED AS UNEMPLOYED AT CENTRAL LABOUR EXCHANGES (a)
(Persons on Live Register at end of Month)
NOVEMBER, 1940.

Classified Occupations.	Ayr	Brisbane	Bundaberg	Cairns	Charleville	Gympie	Innisfail	Ipswich	Longreach	MacKay	Maryborough	Rockhampton	Roma	Too-woomba	Townsville	Warwick	Total
Pastoral ..	3	86	2	2	130	3	-	6	134	8	1	38	58	74	63	20	628
Sugar Industry ..	230	9	72	130	-	2	73	1	-	116	3	8	-	2	35	-	681
Dairying ..	-	27	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	34
Fruit Industry ..	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
General Agriculture ..	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	-	24
Agricultural and Pastoral	233	130	74	133	130	5	73	7	134	130	5	46	58	81	110	20	1,369
Building Trades (all classes)	10	464	10	21	-	17	11	48	-	27	17	79	10	65	68	11	858
Clerical and Professional	1	306	13	8	-	4	2	7	-	10	9	18	3	11	17	3	412
Clothing Manufacturing																	
Boots and wearing Apparel ..	-	167	-	1	-	3	-	14	-	1	4	3	1	5	3	-	202
Domestic ..	2	277	11	13	5	2	4	6	5	16	10	25	2	19	20	4	421
Engine Driving ..	15	57	5	9	2	-	9	10	-	18	5	6	4	12	11	1	164
Engineering (all classes)	1	199	7	6	1	4	2	17	-	20	12	19	1	8	25	-	322
Food and Drink ..	5	299	4	19	4	1	11	7	-	14	9	24	-	24	44	6	471
Hygiene and Safety (Ambulance, Hospitals etc.	-	30	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	4	3	-	-	6	5	1	54
Labouring (all classes)	120	4,105	204	210	66	238	123	532	32	280	285	615	49	369	528	199	7,955
Manufacturing - not elsewhere specified ..	-	62	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	9	-	-	2	-	80
Meat Industry (Retail & Export) also Bacon Factories ..	5	380	3	2	1	4	3	4	-	7	1	104	1	14	400	-	929
Mining - Coal ..	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	10
Mining - Metalliferous	-	129	3	9	-	3	3	2	-	-	-	31	-	7	9	3	199
Miscellaneous ..	2	157	-	-	-	1	-	9	-	2	2	-	1	6	3	1	184
Printing - Including Newspapers ..	-	81	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	5	-	3	-	2	95
Shop Assistants ..	1	199	4	4	-	10	3	8	1	4	10	14	2	11	9	3	283
Storemen and Packers ..	-	116	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	5	-	3	4	-	136
Transportation (carrying, etc.) ..	5	200	7	15	2	10	17	11	-	10	5	37	6	13	24	7	369
TOTAL:	400	7,362	346	452	211	303	263	695	172	550	381	1,040	138	657	1,282	261	14,513

(a) Central Exchanges are merely the larger Centres throughout the State at which officers of the Labour Department itself are stationed. For total registrations, see Tables Q.III. and Q.IV.

OTHER STATES.

The following are the latest figures of employment and unemployment for Tables S.I. to S.IV., W.I, W.II, W.III and T.I. to T.IV. These figures may be inserted in the corresponding tables of Issue No. 9 of the Monthly Circular.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

TABLE S.I.

November, 1940: 32,529; 48,498; 21,495; 832; 14,810; 118,154; 81,119;
199,283.

TABLE S.II.

November, 1940: 6,164; 1,555; 7,719; 20,187; 4,247; 24,434; 3,263;
155; 3,418; 2,565; 158; 2,723; 32,179; 6,115;
38,294.

TABLE S.III.

November, 1940: 3,628; 110; 87; 25; 105; 43; 89; 326; 4,413.

TABLE S.IV.

November, 1940: 53; 145; 45; 7; 8; -; 226; -; 3,675; -; -;
-; 254; 4,413.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TABLE W.I.

November, 1940: 27,075; 21,579; 12,397; 9,922; 10,644; 81,617;
71,745; 153,362.

TABLE W.II.

November, 1940: 4,510; 1,112; 5,622; 17,635; 3,317; 20,952; 890;
51; 941; 2,688; 179; 2,867; 25,723; 4,659;
30,382; 1,239.

TABLE W.III.

November, 1940: 417; 195; 40; -; -; -; 2; -; 459; 195; 654.

Includes 12 men who also registered with the Department of Employment for relief work or sustenance. In Table A.X. these men are excluded from the Labour Exchange registrations.

TASMANIA

TABLE T.I.

November, 1940: 40,064; 13,975; 54,039; 9,678; 2,100; 11,778;
49,742; 16,075; 65,817.

/TABLE T.II.

TASMANIA (Contd.)

TABLE T.II.

November, 1940: 1,552; 444; 1,996; 5,057; 1,489; 6,547; 1,262;
68; 1,330; 1,807; 99; 1,906; 9,678; 170;
11,778; (a); (a); (a).

(a) Not Available.

TABLE T.III.

November, 1940: 195; 132; n.a.; n.a.

n.a. Not Available.

TABLE T.IV.

October-December,
1940:

Not yet available.